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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312 - AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

Hon. Asst. Commissioner for Patents Box Amendment Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents to enter the accompanying amendment.

This applicant has been allowed and the Issue Fee was paid on April 7, 1998. The reason for requesting entry of this amendment is that:

- Within the past week applicant discovered an abstract of a paper believed to have been given in Europe in 1996 that describes a device that, if prior art, might render the broadest claims in this application invalid.
- Also within the past week, a search of international patent applications located a WPO publication that is not prior art *per se* but which refers to a pending United States Patent application that, if issued, would be prior art and, like the abstract, might render the broadest claims invalid.

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- 4. This amendment could not have been presented earlier for the reasons stated.

The Fee, \$130.00, for this petition is being paid herewith by check.

Respectfully submitted, Applicant's Attorney

June 1, 1998

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